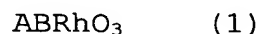


ABSTRACT

To provide an exhaust gas purifying catalyst which can maintain the catalytic activity of Rh at a high level over a long time and can achieve satisfactory emission control performance, an exhaust gas purifying catalyst is prepared so as to contain a composite oxide having a perovskite structure represented by the general formula (1):



wherein A represents at least one element selected from rare-earth elements essentially including one or more rare-earth elements each having a valence of 3 as the only valence and arbitrarily including Ce and/or Pr; and B represents at least one element selected from transition elements excluding Co, Rh and the rare-earth elements, and Al.